

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated February 23, 2005.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Claims 1, 29, 56, 79 and 112 have been amended to specify that the coded data is disposed on the interface surface, in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the invention described on, for example, pages 8-11 of the description.

#### **CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 103**

The Applicant contests the Examiner's assertion that the present invention is obvious in view of Comerford (US 5,243,149).

Comerford describes an electronic clipboard, which includes a digitizer for capturing motion of a stylus. Comerford also describes using the digitizer for capturing document annotations, which can be stored in the electronic clipboard (see column 8, line 65 *et seq*).


However, Comerford fails to describe an interface surface having coded data disposed thereon. This is because Comerford does not rely on sensing coded data disposed on an interface surface in order to detect movement of its stylus. Instead, Comerford uses a digitizer for capturing stylus motion.

There is nothing in Comerford that would lead the skilled person to modify its interface surface by disposing coded data thereon. Disposing coded data on the Comerford's interface surface would serve no useful purpose. By contrast, in the present invention, coded data disposed on the interface surface is necessary for detecting movement of the sensing device. Since there is no teaching in Comerford that would lead the skilled person to dispose coded data on its interface surface, it is submitted that the present invention, as defined in claims 1, 29, 56, 79 and 112 is not obvious in view of Comerford.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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